



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed authorization for the sale of significant military equipment sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the sale and transfer of ownership of the AMC-23 commercial communications satellite from a U.S. company to a company in the United Kingdom. The satellite was successfully launched December 28, 2005 and is currently in orbit.

The United States Government is prepared to approve the sale of the satellite having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey T. Bergner
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Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.